

DISTRICT COURT, DENVER COUNTY, COLORADO

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Plaintiffs: ANTHONY LOBATO, et al., and

Plaintiff-Intervenors: ARMANDINA ORTEGA, et al.

v.

**Defendants:** THE STATE OF COLORADO, et al.

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# PLAINTIFFS' INITIAL EXPERT DISCLOSURES AND SUPPLEMENTAL RULE 26(a)(1) DISCLOSURES

Pursuant to the Case Management Order and Rule 26, Plaintiffs Anthony Lobato, *et al.*, ("Plaintiffs"), make the following disclosures. Plaintiffs reserve the right to supplement such disclosures as discovery progresses, and Plaintiffs will make their Rule 26(a)(2) disclosures pursuant to the timeline set forth in the Case Management Order.

Plaintiffs' Rule 26(a)(2)(B)(I) experts are as follows:

Justin Silverstein
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Mr. Silverstein specializes in the analysis of the costs of funding public education and public school finance systems. The subject matter of Mr. Silverstein's testimony will include, without limitation, the cost of a constitutional public education in Colorado and the costing-out methodology and process.

Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond
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Dr. Darling-Hammond is the Charles E. Ducommun Professor at Stanford University School of Education. The subject matter of her testimony includes, without limitation, teacher quality, teacher training, class size, accountability, skills for workforce/civic participation, student achievement including the effects of race and poverty, and necessary resources for education.

3. Dr. Bruce D. Baker
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The subject matter of Dr. Baker's testimony includes, without limitation, Colorado's state school finance system and the inequities in programs, services and student outcomes that result from the system, and methodology utilized in education costing out studies. Dr. Baker's testimony also will address the finance system in relation to different and changing student demographics. Dr. Baker will testify about his report, "Is School Funding Fair? A National Report Card."

4. Dr. W. Steven Barnett
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Dr. Barnett is a Board of Governors Professor and Co-Director of the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) at Rutgers University. He specializes in the costs and benefits of early childhood education programs. The subject matter of his testimony includes, without limitation, the effects of high quality preschool and kindergarten programs on children's learning and development, the impact on school readiness and achievement of not providing early childhood education programs, the elements and resources necessary to implement a high quality early childhood education program, the quality and sufficiency of resources available for Colorado's preschool and kindergarten programs, and the quality and sufficiency of resources available for early childhood education programs in the Plaintiff school districts.

5. Dr. Henry M. Levin Columbia Teacher's College 525 West 120<sup>th</sup> Street New York, NY 10027

Dr. Levin is the William H. Kilpatrick Professor of Economics and Education at Columbia Teacher's College. His areas of specialization are economics of education, cost effectiveness analysis, school reform, education policy, and education vouchers. The subject matter of his testimony includes, without limitation, economic consequences of failure to educate students adequately; social and economic impacts of students who drop out or are otherwise inadequately educated; and programs that have shown evidence of effectiveness and that are certified by independent experts.

Professor Tom I. Romero, II
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Mr. Romero will provide expert testimony and opinions at the trial of this matter. He is a professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. The subject matter of his testimony includes, without limitation, the history of the Education Clause and Local Control Clause of the Colorado Constitution.

Carol Hedges
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Ms. Hedges is the Director of the Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute. She has extensive knowledge about Colorado's budgeting process and the impact of TABOR and other constitutional and statutory constraints on Colorado's budget. The subject matter of her testimony will include without limitation Colorado's budgeting procedures, TABOR and constitutional and statutory constraints on Colorado's budget, the growth of special districts and the increase of elections due to TABOR, and the future options for the Colorado budget.

 Dr. Margaret J. McLaughlin Department of Special Education University of Maryland 1308 Benjamin Building College Park, MD 20742 301-405-2337

Dr. McLaughlin is the Dean for Research and Graduate Education and the Associate Director of the Institute for Study of Exceptional Children at the University of Maryland. Dr. McLaughlin's testimony is expected to include, without limitation, the education of children with disabilities and the importance of educational opportunities to enable all children to meet high standards.

Robert Lee Linn
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Mr. Linn is a retired professor the University of Colorado. The subject matter of Mr. Linn's testimony includes, without limitation, student testing, evaluations, and related consequences.

Pursuant to Rule 26, Plaintiffs also disclose the following individuals as Rule 26(a)(2)(B)(II) experts and/or fact witnesses who may provide expert opinion.

10. Dr. Monte C. Moses 11637 East Powers Avenue Englewood, CO 80111 303-740-0355 Dr. Moses is the former superintendent of Cherry Creek Public Schools and was superintendent for 10 years. Dr. Moses will testify concerning the history, development, and policies supporting the education accountability, education reform, and contents-based education systems adopted and implemented in Colorado since 1993.

11. Dr. Scott D. Murphy 5776 South Crocker Street Littleton, CO 80120 303-347-3300

Dr. Murphy is the superintendent of Littleton Public Schools and has held this position since 2006. The subject matter of Dr. Murphy includes, without limitation, the history of the current school finance system, the changes to the act since 1988, and the efforts made by the legislature to address school finance.

12. Glenn E. Gustafson, CPA 1115 North El Paso Street Colorado Springs, CO 80903 719-520-2000

Mr. Gustafson is the Deputy Superintendent of Business Services and Chief Financial Officer for Colorado Springs District 11 schools. Mr. Glenn E. Gustafson, CPA, has been with School District 11 since January 1992. The subject matter of Mr. Gustafson's testimony includes, without limitation, how the current school finance system works statewide, the deficiencies and challenges of the current system, budget cuts, and the inability of school districts to provide the necessary programs, the future options for state funding, and the impact of PERA.

13. Lucinda Hundley 5776 South Crocker Street Littleton, CO 80120 303-347-3300

Lucinda Hundley is the Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Services at Littleton Public Schools, a member of the Special Education Fiscal Advisory Committee, and a former member of the P-20 Council. The subject matter of her testimony includes, without limitation, the provision of education services and costs related to: children with disabilities, children with specific health needs, children with discipline problems, children who are truant or at-risk of dropping out, and children with special needs in out-of-district placements.

14. Jeanne Boice-Wiley East Central BOCES 820 Second Street Limon, CO 80828 719-775-2342

Jeanne Boice-Wiley is the director of Special Education Services at the East Central BOCES. The subject matter of her testimony includes, without limitation, the provision of special education and related costs in rural Colorado.

15. Dan Maas 5776 South Crocker Street Littleton, CO 80120 303-347-3300

Mr. Maas is the Chief Information Officer for Littleton Public Schools. His testimony is expected to include, without limitation, the current state of technology and technology-related issues, such as staffing and necessary professional development, at school districts throughout Colorado, the effect of adequate technology resources and implementation on student achievement, and the minimal standard of technology necessary to provide an adequate education.

16. Cary Kennedy 300 Jersey Street Denver, CO 80220 303-916-1974

Ms. Kennedy is the former Colorado State Treasurer 2006-2010. Ms. Kennedy's testimony is expected to include, without limitation: Amendment 23, Referendum C, the mill levy freeze, Amendment 59, TABOR, Gallagher, and the constitutional and statutory structure as it relates to school finance.

17. George Welsh 550 South Sylvester Avenue Center, CO 81125 719-754-3442

George Welsh is the superintendent of Center School District and has held that position since 1997. Mr. Welsh's testimony will include, without limitation, the challenges faced by rural students, the mandates from the State and Federal Governments, the efforts made by rural school districts to try to provide educational opportunities to the students, and the impact of turn-around grants.

# 18. Lisa Escarcega

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Ms. Escarcega is the Chief Accountability & Research Officer for Aurora Public Schools. The subject matter of her testimony includes, without limitation, programs, funding, state and federal standards and requirements for Colorado students learning English as a second or non-native language (commonly referred to as ELL, ELA, and/or ESL students), as well as the effectiveness of such programs, funding, standards and requirements.

### 19. Michael Poore

Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer - Instruction, Curriculum and Student Services
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Mr. Poore is the Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer at Colorado Springs School District 11. The subject matter of his testimony will include, without limitation, the history, development, and policies of education accountability and reform.

20. Dr. Susan Scheibel 6395 South Xavier Court Littleton, CO 80123 (303) 730-3344

Dr. Scheibel is an affiliate faculty member in the Gifted and Talented Masters Program at Regis University, past president of Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented, member of the State Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented, and former facilitator of a gifted and talented program in Littleton. She will testify regarding the academic and affective needs of gifted and talented students, the funding and programming limitations on gifted and talented programs in Colorado, and the consequences of not providing gifted and talented students with quality programs and services.

21. John Hefty 9075 E. 29th Place Denver, CO 80238 303-815-3065

Mr. Hefty is the past executive director of the Colorado Association of School Executives. The subject matter of Mr. Hefty's testimony will include, without limitation, the school finance system, its history, and implementation, and the common ways in which non-plaintiff school districts and plaintiff school districts are affected by school finance, standards and assessments.

22. Sue Windels 4770 Baseline Road, Suite 220 Boulder, CO 80303 303-484-9596

Ms. Windels is currently the District Education Advocate for U.S. Congressman Jared Polis. She was the chair of the Colorado Senate Education Committee and served in both the Colorado House of Representatives and the Senate. The subject matter of Ms. Windels' testimony includes without limitation the education reform and school finance legislation that was considered and/or passed by the Legislature during her tenure.

23. Jack Pommer 605 Pine Street Boulder, CO 80302 303-835-3532

Mr. Pommer is a former Colorado State Representative and Chair of the Joint Budget Committee. The subject matter of Mr. Pommer's testimony includes without limitation school finance legislation and the constitutional and statutory constraints and challenges faced by the Legislature as it relates to school finance and education reform and legislation.

24. Andrew Romanoff 10403 W Colfax Ave. #500 Lakewood, CO 80215 303-232-4336

Mr. Romanoff served in the Colorado House of Representatives from 2000-2008 and served as Speaker of the House from 2005-2008. The subject matter of his testimony includes, without limitation, efforts made during legislative sessions to address issues relating to state budget, TABOR, Referendum C, Amendment 59, school finance, education reform, and the limits of the legislature to address finance problems.

Plaintiffs join in Plaintiff-Intervenors' disclosures, served concurrently herewith. Additionally, Plaintiffs reserve the right to further disclose other experts, particularly unretained experts who may provide both factual and expert opinions, as discovery continues. Moreover, Plaintiffs reserve the right to elicit factual and expert testimony from State employees including, without limitation, the Colorado Department of Education, who have not yet been deposed.

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The undersigned certifies that on the 2nd day of February, 2010, a true and correct copy of the foregoing PLAINTIFFS' INITIAL EXPERT DISCLOSURES AND SUPPLEMENTAL RULE 26(a)(1) DISCLOSURES was served, via LexisNexis<sup>®</sup> File & Serve, addressed to the following:

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